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TO: Chief, HRMS

SUBJ: Retirement Programs - New Child Survivor Annuity Provision

Section 633 of Public Law 104-208, the Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Act (September 30, 1996), allows a child survivor annuity under the CSRS or FERS that ends because of marriage to be restored. Prior to the passage of this law, a child survivor's annuity ended permanently when he or she married. Unlike a spousal survivor annuity, a child survivor annuity could not be restored if the marriage ended.

Under the new law, the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) will restore a child survivor's annuity if (1) the child's marriage subsequently ends and (2) the child still meets all other eligibility requirements for a child survivor annuity. If a child survivor's marriage ended on or before September 30, 1996, and if the child survivor meets all other eligibility requirements, OPM will resume annuity payments on October 1, 1996. If a child survivor's marriage ends on or after October 1, 1996, OPM will resume annuity payments on the first day of the month in which the marriage ends. The resumed annuity includes all of the cost-of-living adjustments that would have been paid had the child never married. When the child survivor's annuity resumes, health insurance coverage under the Federal Employees Health Benefits program can also be resumed.

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